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Applicant: Masayuki Yasuda Docket No.: TIJ-24816  
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## REQUEST FOR AFFIDAVIT UNDER MPEP 2144.03

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Dear Sir:

The Examiner rejects 1-11 under 35USC 103(a) as unpatentable of Tsuji (U.S. 5,514,625). In her argument, the Examiner admits that ". . . although not disclosed, it is obvious to one skilled in the art that the trenches in Tsuji have sidewalks, as there is no other possible way for a trench to exist known to the Examiner.".

Applicants challenge the Examiner's assertion, and in the absence of cited art, requested the Examiner to provide an affidavit in accordance with MPEP 2144.03 or withdraw the rejection.

Respectfully submitted,



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